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IN ALL THINGS,
GIVE

Thanks.

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Fear not, I am with you. I am your God, let nothing terrify you. I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you." Isaiah 41:10

FEAR NOT This day and this night are in God's hands. Therefore, do not be afraid, do not let your hearts be anxious, do not be frightened. Can any one of you add more time to your life by worrying? By fretting in the mirror have you gotten taller? Get outside, get outside of yourself, go into the community, go into the meadows and fields, see the people you meet (they are Christ come to you), look at the birds of the air, smell the earth, breathe the sun. All these, God looks after; all these, God loves. Just as the changing seasons signal a time of transition, Congregational Presbyterian Church is entering a new season. Fear not. God is at work.

"The Lord will protect you from all danger; the Lord will keep you safe. The Lord will protect you as you come and go now and forever." Psalm 121:7-8

ENDINGS | BEGINNINGS Every ending holds a beginning. Every beginning hold an ending. Welcome Pastor Adam Ogg, may your "coming" be "well." We greet your arrival to walk with us with hospitality and prayers, "welcome." And so, together, we go out with good courage not knowing where we go but only that God's hand is leading us and God's love is supporting us...

TRANSITION 2023 Just as the changing seasons signal a time of transition, Congregational Presbyterian Church is entering a new season. September brought the ending of a longer term ministry and the beginning of a shorter term interim ministry. November brings the ending of an interim ministry and the beginning of a called ministry. Congregations relate as a system. When a pastor leaves (whether by retirement, reassignment, resignation, another call, or other) the departure changes the system. Transitions change patterns. This can be unsettling and exciting. Interim time brings an interim pastor and the congregation itself enters interim time (mission and ministry doesn't stop, the system changes). Suddenly things are quite different. Fear: the impulse is to put the system back to where it was and return to the old way of doing things. Fear not: if change is embraced, congregations are in a position to learn more about themselves, the future, to prayerfully discern where God is leading them. Interim time provides an opportunity to re-view, re-think, re-evaluate, re-shape, re-new. It is holy time, God's time, spiritual time, time to be open to move forward in new ways with a new pastor into God's new day. How unsettling, how exciting.

"So, if any one is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away, see, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

NEW CREATION A foundation of our Christian faith is that we worship a God who, in Christ, is continually "doing a new thing." We are being made new: as individual believers, as a congregation, as the church. As this newness breaks open, we are invited by God to be co-creators, midwives, participants, to recognize, receive, live into, this new thing God is doing. Day by day, season by season, we receive and claim new identity that God is creating. Paul writes to the church at Rome that the whole creation longs for this new thing like a woman longing for the birth of her child. God is doing a new thing, not the same old thing again.

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

CHANGE is not new to us. Our history is about being open to change. Lewiston Presbyterian Church, organized in 1873 in a school house, later built a building in downtown Lewiston. Pilgrim Congregational Church organized in 1904, meeting in a tent, later gathering in a room at the college. In 1939 these two congregations came together as a Federated Congregation. During 1978 a woman pastor, Rev. Muriel Brown, served this congregation. A church family changes. Congregational Presbyterian Church is changing. And that is true in our personal lives, there are births and deaths, arrivals and leavings, changes and transitions, things coming together and things pulling apart, things looked forward to and things feared, things planned and unplanned. Change is a constant in life. Congregations contain a mixture of feelings about change. How we (each one individually and as a congregation) approach that simple word "new" reveals our openness and readiness and commitment to new directions in mission and ministry. Discovering and claiming a new identity grounds us in reality and also open up to us possibilities inherent in that newness. Mission. Ministry. Future. Faith give us resilience in times of change.



Women's Christian Book Club will be taking some time off from meeting and discussing books. Please watch the monthly newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for information as to when they will be starting to meet again. In the meantime please check out our Tales From The Library page in the November LINK for great book recommendations.

Men's Bible Study - This Bible study and discussion meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in the book of Matthew. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with men of the church.

The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly from September thru May at 10am in the chapel. We are studying Hebrews this fall. Study guides are available and will cost \$7. There is a Scholarship Fund available for anyone needing assistance with the price of this guide, Please contact Gayle Beck at (509) 751-9981 for more information. Please leave a message.

If you are interested in our Divorce Care class please contact John or Loa Vornholt for more information.



Deep Roots: Theology for Today Deep Roots is a weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4pm in the Chapel, is coordinated by Tom Boubel and facilitated by Tom and other members of the group. All are welcome to join us for the reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. This month's bible study will be held on November 13th and 27th. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer, support and education. At our November meeting, Joyce Roberts and Verna Aucutt will be our hostesses. Lori Clark will be presenting the devotions and Program. You won't want to miss our monthly get together. See you on the 13th.

Reconnect is a group formed by our Women's Ministry. Reconnect meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 10 am ~ 12pm in the basement of the Admin. Building. They meet during the months of September ~ May. In November ladies will meet November 2nd and 16th. Please bring your crafts to work on or just come and visit with the ladies of our church and community. Bring a friend for some fun and fellowship.



If you are interested in learning more about the CPC Online Alpha Course please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.

DECEMBER LINK DEADLINE MONDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

Articles may be sent via email to annab@conGOPres.org or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed submission.



Volunteers are currently meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 9am in the church office Conference Room. In November the date for LINK assembly is Tuesday November 28th.

Food Bank Sunday November 19th

This month's needs:

- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Stuffing
- ♦ Canned Vegetables
- ♦ Desert Mixes
- ♦ Saran Wrap
- ♦ Kleenex
- ♦ Tin Foil Pans
- ♦ Tin Foil



These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!

Worship With Us

10:00am Combined Worship

The service will combine elements of our 9:00am Contemporary Service and our 11:00am Traditional Service. The question of returning to our 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday format will be addressed when our new pastor arrives.

10:00am Livestream

Each Worship Service is livestreamed on our website: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed any time during the following three months.

10:00am Parking

As the entire congregation gathers to worship together, parking will be a bit tight in our church parking lot. Please *do not* park in the church parking lot unless you need close-in access to the church, reserving our parking lot spaces for those with physical limitations. There is plenty of parking on the side streets around the church (which is unrestricted on Sundays), and in the LCSC parking lot across from the Activities Center.



Thankful

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WORSHIP WITH US



Women's Ministry put together 30 Operation Christmas Child boxes!

Ladies in picture below:

Diane Waldermarrson

Bev Williams

Marcia Barkley

Terri Nester

Micki Mennet-Martin



Mark your Calendars: November 5th

Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by this month for some cake, coffee & conversation for your special birthday month!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Gary Delka & Rusanne Rudolph
3rd	Kevin Dotson & John Ruldoph
4th	Verna Aucutt & Nancy Jasper
5th	Greg Thompson, & Jon Delka
6th	Eva Matousek
9th	Jack Hubbard
10th	Dale Gerritsen, Eva Lynn Thompson & Stephanie Whitcomb
12th	Perry Krisher
13th	Betty Meehan
16th	Maureen Mannschreck
20th	Scott Schulz
21st	Joe Hulett, Linda Wendt & Wilson Sheppard
22nd	Sue Eier
23rd	Nell Bice, Lynn Druffel & Debra Kimbell
24th	Forest Delka-Wicks & Sandra Hall
26th	Alan Keller & Carol Steljes
28th	Chuck Gabby
31st	Cynda Hyndman, Nancy Sattler & Kate Ashe

happy
birthday

"...do not forget my teaching, but keep my
commands in your heart, for they will
prolong your life many years and bring you
peace and prosperity"

Proverbs 3:1-2



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Autumn and Stewardship season. Hopefully you have returned your pledge card for 2024, but if not, here is a gentle reminder to consider a pledge for next year and send it in. We base next years' budget on our pledges and this will be an exciting new year in our church to budget and plan. Any questions, please call Lisa in the church office. All giving amounts are kept confidential and greatly appreciated.

Thanks friends!
Vicky Boubel



UGM LC Valley Update

According to the Union Gospel Mission, LC Vally website [LC Valley UGM \(uniongospelmission.org\)](https://www.uniongospelmission.org), \$2,902,344 has been raised from the LC Valley and UGM Partners. \$4,000,000 will be released as needed from the UGM Foundation. UGM has accepted a bid and selected a contractor! The building plans have been submitted to the City of Lewiston and are in the final stages of city approval.

Our church family has contributed a total of \$12,186 toward this project, through mission funds, a fundraiser, and individual contributions from church members designated for UGM. THANK YOU for your support.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the generous funds you gave to me! What a Blessing! Already I have ordered copies of books that were worn and needed replaced! I have plans for adding some math games and science extras to enhance my 1st grade curriculum. I need to purchase a few more children's bibles and listening center activities. This gift will meet many needs!

Lynn Ridinger



The Red Cross blood drive will be on December 27th from 12:00-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have room for around 24 donors during that time. Please sign up online through the Red Cross donor web site, or contact Jim Schroeder at (208) 553-1112, and he will get you scheduled.



Blood supplies are typically at their lowest point of the year during the holidays. The need is great, so please consider giving to help save a life at this holiday time.

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THANK YOU

BLOOD DRIVE

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Exciting Things are coming up!!

Each week at 10AM the children meet on Sunday mornings to have a bible story, craft, snack and to fellowship God together! Please feel free to drop them off and then join worship time in the sanctuary.

November 26th is the Hanging of the Greens in Fellowship Hall. The children will join us for crafts and cookie decorating, while the grown ups decorate the sanctuary and church. Children's crafts will begin at 3:00 and will end at 4:15 p.m. Crafts include creating homemade Christmas ornaments and decorating sugar cookies!



JESUS IS
The Reason
FOR THE
Season

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)



JOIN US EVERY
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

AT 9AM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

No Class:

Monday November 13th

Friday November 24th

UPCOMING
Events



Thanksgiving Hymn Sing

When: Thursday November 16th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 11am

Please join us for singing,
fellowship, pie & coffee.

If you are interested in joining us
please sign up in Fellowship Hall!

Senior Adult & Youth Event

When: Sunday November 5th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 3pm

If you are interested in
joining us please sign up in
Fellowship Hall! Questions
contact Lauren Trail

SENIOR MINISTRIES

November Activities

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
November 12th & 19th



Other Youth Activities

Senior Adult & Youth Event

Sunday November 5th @ 3pm
Fellowship Hall

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday November 26th @ 3pm
CongoPres

Rake 'Em Up

Saturday December 2nd @ 9am
CongoPres

If you are interested in providing a meal for our youth group on Sunday nights, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Dear Friends and Family,

We hoped this newsletter would be from Mozambique with news of us settling into our new home and new country. However, that is not the case. And that's ok. We have been reading the book *Why God Calls Us to Dangerous Places* this summer with some dear friends here at headquarters in Nampa and the author says:

"The season of waiting is not waiting at all. It's more like gestation, a quiet growth where Christ, through His Spirit, His Scriptures, and His people prepares us for the journey ahead. It's sacred season and every bit as much a part of the journey as that which is actually lived on the field."

We are in a sacred season. Some parts have been challenging, but overall, we have found rest and growth in areas that we know will be helpful when we move to Mozambique. We are so thankful that over these past four months we have been able to see the Lord still working in us, cultivating and shaping us in the Potter's hands into the image set in stone.

"But the journey to the field is one that must be led by God if it is to be taken at all. And God does not value self determination or decisiveness. Instead, He values sensitivity to His Spirit, patience and obedience. " ~ Why God Calls Us to Dangerous Places.

So as much as we longed for this newsletter to be a report of us settling in Mozambique, this letter comes to you from hearts that are grateful for the rest we have received during this time and the perspective that is as much a sacred season as being in the field. We are slowly learning good team building skills as we bond with the Haiti team who are here in MAF housing. We are learning how to pray for our children as they get older and navigate the hard missionary kid life. We are learning boundaries in how much to give ourselves and what we need to fill up our cup. And I'm sure there are many other things that we have learned but won't realize it until it is actually needed in the field.

We ask that you continue to pray for us as we wait for visas, pray for our Mozambique team as they are preparing to welcome us newbies, and pray that Ryan Koher would be completely released. The Lord is orchestrating so many things for our Mozambique team right now, and we wait in anticipation to see what He's going to do.

Josh & Skyla Brumley



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



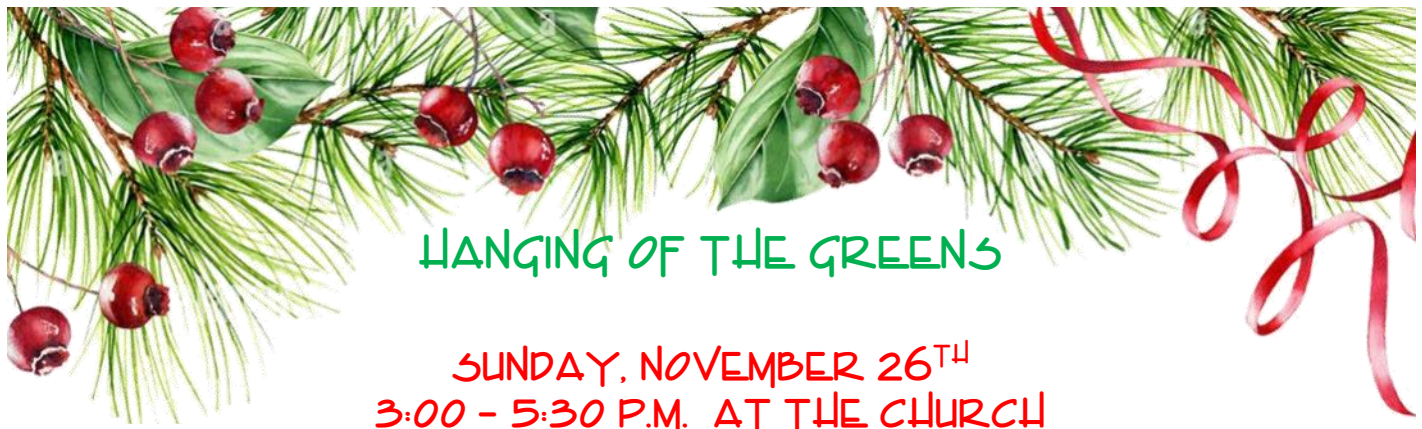
It's time for Operation Christmas Child again! Please see our display in Fellowship Hall. This year we are being asked to include a note and/or a picture in each box. Questions...contact Laureen Trail!



The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to setup for coffee hour fellowship before the 10:00 service, and to serve refreshments and clean up after the service. If you're interested, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks! Sharon Damon, Fellowship Chair

During this time of Thanksgiving, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers that have helped with all the Fellowship events this year. It wouldn't happen without you!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
3:00 - 5:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

HELPING HANDS NEEDED TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS! A
SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL

YOU'RE INVITED TO "DECK THE HALLS" ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 3-5:30 P.M.! THE WORSHIP MINISTRY NEEDS LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT. CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 AND UNDER IN THE NURSERY DURING THIS EVENT.

3:00 P.M. - DECORATING BEGINS AND CONTINUES UNTIL ALL THE GARLANDS, BANNERS, AND THE GIANT WREATH ARE HUNG. CANDELABRAS ARE IN PLACE. THE TREES ARE DECORATED, AND THE NATIVITY CRECHES DISPLAYED.

3:00-4:15 P.M. - CHILDREN'S CRAFTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. CRAFTS INCLUDE CREATING HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND DECORATING SUGAR COOKIES*.

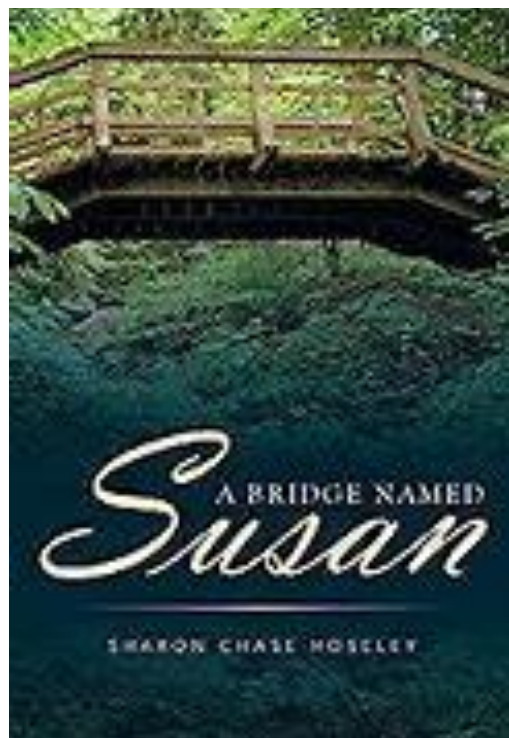
4:15 P.M. - THE CHILDREN'S CRAFT TIME ENDS AND THE KIDS GO UPSTAIRS TO PILGRIM HALL TO WATCH A MOVIE.

5:00 P.M. - EVERYONE MEETS TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO ENJOY HOMEMADE SOUPS, ROLLS, AND CHRISTMAS COOKIES. COFFEE AND CIDER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES TEAM.

**WE NEED UNFROSTED SUGAR COOKIES, VANILLA TUB FROSTING AND CHRISTMAS-THEMED SPRINKLES BROUGHT INTO THE CHURCH THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 26 FOR OUR COOKIE DECORATING TABLE.*

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!





Through a subzero winter in a tent; the silent wall treatment of her husband; an abusive, threatening father-in-law; and acute poverty, Susan built her life into a strong bridge of faith. She longed for her bridge to span to the next generation. The greatest problem? Even after twelve years of marriage, there was no one in the next generation.

THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY
THE CPC
CHRISTIAN BOOK
CLUB MEMBERS.



OTHER GREAT READS



Splendid and the Vile
by Erick Larson



Deadliest Monster
by J.F. Faldwin

Church Office Closed:

Thursday November 23rd
&
Friday November 24th



If you would like a copy of the
November/December Upper Room they are
available in Fellowship Hall and the
church office.



Celebrating Pastor Nick

Pastor Nick's last Sunday with us will be on Sunday, November 12 (Pastor Adam Ogg's first Sunday with us will be November 19). We will be celebrating and giving thanks (with pie and coffee) for our time of ministry with Pastor Nick, during fellowship hour immediately following worship on November 12. For those who would like to bring a pie, there is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall (home-made or store bought). If you have any questions please contact Sharon Damon of the Fellowship Committee.

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ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. . . MATTHEW 19:26





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OFFICE HOURS:

M-F: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Angel Tree Christmas is coming to town! Our church has supported Angel Tree Christmas for over 30 years. This is such an awesome ministry that we want to keep it going. This year we are supporting 25 children. Each child receives 2 wrapped gifts: one new toy or fun gift, and one new article of clothing, each with a \$25-\$30 value. We will also give a gift certificate for each of the caregivers.

A Christmas (Angel) Tree will be adorned with gift selections for the children on November 26th and December 3rd.

Please select an "angel" from the tree and return wrapped gift by December 17 to allow plenty of time for delivery before Christmas.

The process is that an Angel Tree Christmas gift is requested by, and given on behalf of, the parent who is in prison. This ministry helps children stay connected to their parents, despite difficult circumstances. We work with the caregiver, who is critical to the success of the ministry. The children feel remembered by their loved one because of this simple action. Volunteers from our church deliver the gifts to Angel Tree children, on behalf of the incarcerated parent, at their homes.

Contact Patti Mann at 208-790-0693, Kate Nowlin at 208-816-9565 or Diane Waldemarson at 208-746-4922 if you have any questions.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 5p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg	2 10a Reconnect 5-15p Bell Choir	3 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	4
5 Birthday Sunday 10a Combined Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship 3p Senior Adult & Youth Event	6 9a Sr. Exercise 9:30p Trustee Mtg	7 10a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Mtg 6:45p Mission Mtg	8 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30 Sr. Ministry Mtg 5p Choir	9 5-15p Bell Choir	10 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	11
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19 Food Bank Sunday 10a Combined Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship 4:30p Pastor Adam's Installation 6:30p Youth Group	20 LINK Deadline 9a Sr. Exercise	21 10a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	22 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 5p Choir	23  Office Closed	24	25
26 10a Combined Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship 3p Hanging of the Greens	27 9a Sr. Exercise 1p Service Ministry Mtg 6:45p Women's Bible Study	28 9a LINK Volunteers 10a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	29 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 5p Choir	30 5-15p Bell Choir		